

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
Conference Call
January 10, 2012

Present: Jana Ginter
Jim Hodder
Shaun Sims
John Moore
Bryan Brost
Jim Price, Jr.
Jason Fearneyhough, Director

Absent: Alison Lass
Patrick Zimmerer
John Hansen
Frank Galey, UW Dean of the College of Ag and Natural Resources
Governor's Office

Staff: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary
Chris Wichman
Doug Miyamoto

Guests: Kelly Brown
Cindy Garretson-Weibel

Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Minutes

Jana Ginter made a motion of approve the November 8, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Hodder. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Hodder made a motion to approve the December 13, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded by Bryan Brost. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RHAP Reporting

Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the Laramie County Conservation District's update report due on November 30, 2011, and received on November 21, 2011 for the Pole Mountain Robel Pole Project. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jana Ginter made a motion to accept the Teton Conservation District's final report due on November 30, 2011, and received on November 30, 2011 and a revised version on December 21, 2011 for the Snake and Hoback River Watershed Rangeland Monitoring Project. The motion was seconded by John Moore. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

John Moore made a motion to accept the Teton Conservation District's final report due on November 30, 2011 and received on November 30, 2011 and a revised version on December 21, 2011 for the Gros Ventre Wilderness Rangeland Monitoring Project. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Price made a motion to accept the Washakie County Conservation District's update report due on November 30, 2011 and received on November 30, 2011 for the Orchard Ranch RHAP project. The motion was seconded by Jim Hodder. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Hodder made a motion to accept the Lower Wind River Conservation District's update report due on November 30, 2011 and received on December 1, 2011 for the Cameron Ranch Monitoring Project. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Price made a motion to accept the Lower Wind River Conservation District's update report due on November 30, 2011 and received on December 1, 2011 for the Diamond X Ranch Monitoring Project. The motion was seconded by John Moore. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Bryan Brost made a motion to accept the Lincoln County Conservation District's update report due on November 30, 2011 and received on November 30, 2011 for the LaBarge Creek Allotment Rangeland Monitoring Project. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Water Quality Grant Reporting

John Moore made a motion to accept the Dubois-Crowheart Conservation District's interim report due December 30, 2011 and received on December 19, 2011 which fulfills their contract requirement for Baseline Monitoring and Education Project. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Price made a motion to accept the Natrona County Conservation District's interim report due December 30, 2011 and received on December 22, 2011, which fulfills their contract requirement for the Kendrick Watershed Selenium Monitory & Public Education Project. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

John Moore made a motion to accept the Sheridan County Conservation District's interim report due on December 30, 2011 and received on December 16, 2011, which fulfills their contract requirement for the 2010 Sheridan County Urban/Residential Run-off Demonstration Project. The motion was seconded by Jana Ginter. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Hodder made a motion to approve the Lower Wind Conservation District's interim report due December 30, 2011 and received on December 30, 2011, which fulfills their contract requirement for the Ocean Lake Drain #4 project. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Hodder made a motion to accept the resignation of Doug Masters as the rural supervisor to the Sheridan County Conservation District and to appoint Emerson Scott, III to serve in that position until

the next general election. The motion was seconded by John Moore. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Living Legacy Update

Muff wanted to know what to do with the tree planted in 2010 that we promised would go on Cowboy Drive when it was ready and what to do with the application received last year after the deadline. Both paid the \$350 which was the cost at that time. The Board said if they want it moved, we will have to come up with the cost of the tree guard since we made that promise. Shaun will contact Paul Shelton to see what he wants to do.

Shaun said State Forestry has a Community Tree Grant program that he would pursue if the members wanted him to. He thinks the Living Legacy Program falls into their criteria. **John Moore made a motion that Shaun should pursue that grant. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Shaun would like to see if the board is interested in authorizing Todd to make a couple of the tree guards so they can be placed on trees at State Fair Park to show those interested in purchasing a tree, exactly what the guards will look like.

Jana Ginter made a motion to authorize Todd to make two guards at a cost of about \$450 each. The motion was seconded by Jim Price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jana Ginter would like to have a nursery on the fairgrounds to grow our own trees. Muff said that Ted Craig is hoping to grow some heritage trees to plant in the arboretum. He had also said it may require an additional hoop house, so there is a possibility of using a portion of that. Jana would also like to see the program not plant any ash trees because of the ash borer.

Shaun asked if the 7 a.m. conference call time still works for everyone. Jana said that the 7 a.m. conference calls are very difficult what with trying to get her daughter off to school. Jim Price said summer should be 7 a.m., but 8 a.m. in the winter would be alright. Shaun suggested moving all the calls to 8 a.m.

Jim Price made a motion to move all 2012 conference call to 8 a.m. with the exception of the June and July, when calls will be back to 7 a.m.

Issues

The goal of raising \$100,000 for State Fair, to be matched by the state in the amount of \$250,000 has been met and there is still more funding yet to come in.

Deputy Secretary Merigan called Jason yesterday with information from USDA. As of December 31, over 7,000 employees have left USDA through retirement, etc. due to budget issues and they are going to be closing 259 offices – mostly FSA offices. Doug said the report that came out last night noted only closing one Rural Development office in Park County. He said that looked like the only Wyoming closure.

Jason said the department met with Appropriations yesterday. They had asked Jason to do an analysis of the impacts to Wyoming agriculture when the reporting is reduced by USDA. They are working on coming up some appropriations to keep that program going.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun Sims, President

Date